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New Probe of Foreign Lobbyists

Quickly Hits Significant Pay Dirt

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The Senate Foreign Relations Committee's investigation of foreign government lobbyists at the preparatory stage, has already

it has uncovered highly significant pay dirt. A preliminary staff study has disclosed that six countries alone have 172 lobbyists — nearly one-third of all the registered "non-diplomatic agents."

As of the first of this month, 411 lobbyists representing 103 nations were registered with the Justice Department. Most of these lobbyists are U. S. citizens in the employ of these foreign countries.

Mr. Allen High on the list of the group of six big-lobby nations are Russia and Cuba.

Russia has 28 registered lobbyists, and Cuba 25, of which at least four represent the communist regime of dictator Castro, and the other 21, exile and refugee elements.

THE FIVE OTHER NATIONS are Japan with 22 lobbyists; Dominican Republic 20, including three exile groups; France 13; West Germany 10;

Following operations of these six countries will come prominently in the Senate's Nations Committee's probe. Detailed reports on each nation are being compiled by the committee's staff which has been charged for this purpose.

Under Powers, former Washington newspaperman, is directing these studies.

Chairman William Fulbright, D.-Ark., again dominates hearings holding public hearings in his home after long absences.

Nations with 11 or more registered "non-diplomatic agents" include: Israel 16; Austria 14; Iran 11; Netherlands 11; Italy 10; Nicaragua 10, including four exile groups; Switzerland 10; Venezuela 10; Yugoslavia 10, including two exile groups.

OTHER COUNTRIES REPRESENTED by maritime lobbyists are: Nationalist China 5; Red China 4; Poland 9; Hungary 7, including one exile group; Brazil 6; South Korea 5;

While study mentioned in the Senate discussion of this investigation, one of the first acts of the new Intelligence Agency, was to determine whether the CIA is following up its own diplomatic liaison with organizations in the U. S. — a number of them, very active and controversial.

State, Justice Department and Fulbright have long wanted to probe these operations. Last January, with State Department leading, Fulbright sought to initiate such an investigation. A major purpose was to block these foreign lobbyists from affecting legislation, but the Foreign Relations Committee backed, and the move was shelved.

HOWEVER, FULBRIGHT GOT the chance to revive it when a swarm of foreign lobbyists recently rewrote the administration's sugar bill in the House. These backstage operations aroused a furor in the Senate, which largely restored the original measure.

Fulbright used the most of this opportunity. The Senate voted a foreign lobbyist probe, and gave him \$40,000 to conduct it. Most of the early and major organizations are anti-communist. They clandestinely establish their congressional ties. Various foreign money also funds the three main groups of agents.

Chiefly reported by Powers is CIA directorate known as 69900, a branch of the Central Intelligence Agency, comprised of agents posted to the U. S.

Another important organization is the Association of European Nations, consisting of anti-communists seeking the reorganization of Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania. This group has numerous strong supporters in and out of Congress.

ON DARKER SIDES of Secretary Rusk, the State Department is experiencing "tray with the Senate investigators."

Incidentally, a information turned over to him concerning the activities of Michel Strulens, a Belgian citizen registered as lobbyist for Katanga's President Moise Tshombe, who has been meeting with both the central Congolese government and the United Nations.

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